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Applicant : Toshihiro Murakawa et al.  
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Title : METHOD FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING, JIG  
THEREFOR MEMBER WITH FRICTION STIR-WELDED  
PORTION, AND TOOL FOR FRICTION STIR WELDING  
  
Docket No. : TOH-16417  
Customer No. : 040854

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT "B"**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

- **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 3 of this paper.
- **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 4 of this paper, and include an attached replacement sheet(s) and annotated sheet(s) showing changes.
- **Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.

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